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Down the River Letter. NEW MARTINSVILLE, JANUARY 4. This place is an inland town now, our great thoroughfare, the Ohio river, is gone. "Jack Frost" has accomplished the illusion, and where usually our comfortable vessels of trade move past in stately grandeur there is now nothing but ice and snow. Our people talk of the pilgrimage from here to the outer world, and dread the trip. We get our mail twice a week from Wheeling, the most reliable route being by way of Belmont (B. & O. R. R.), which reaches us here Tuesday and Friday of each week.

The sitting of the Legislature in your city on the twelfth inst. will cause considerable of an exodus from this county. Candidates for Sergeant-at-Arms, also for Clerks of the Senate and House and Committee Clerks are here, are coming and will demand recognition. They are from the ranks of the "unwashed," and this is the "banter county." I will not name them, though I might do so if I wished. All I have to say, since it is so, I hope they will all succeed.

On the Senatorial race, score one from Wetzell for Camden, "sartin sure." The "oil business" and the "oil barrel business" are closely allied. Should you wish to have any of your reporter can find them at the Lingham House, where they usually stop.

We don't want a "railroad" down here; it might kill the "town cows," scare our women and children and frighten away the "postings" and "corn." Old Jimmy West, now deceased, (peace to his ashes) a former legislator from this county during the old regime, objected to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad coming through this county for fear it would drive all the "game away" and consequently he voted to keep it out. The seed thus sown by him will have a noxious growth, and will perhaps keep railroads away from this section for years to come.

Mr. Charles Worthington, Statistician of the Department of Agriculture, has completed his final investigations and compilations in regard to the wheat crop of the United States for 1880, as compared with that of 1879, as follows:

Table with columns: State and Territory, 1879, 1880. Lists wheat production for various states including New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, etc.

The increase in the crop, compared with 1879, is 32,084,000 bushels. The annual production of wheat in the United States, the exports of wheat, including flour, and the remaining supply for domestic uses, compared for five years, each ending June 30, is as follows:

Table with columns: Year, Production, Exports, Remaining. Shows wheat production and exports from 1875-76 to 1879-80.

The information obtained upon which these exhibits are established, is secured in the same manner as in previous years, and whatever may be the possible variation from the exact or actual yield, in any section, the comparisons are presumably as nearly accurate as can be made.

of the people, I am prepared to say that such a road will never be built along the Ohio river bank, if the people of the river counties traveled. We would contribute any large amount. We would give more for a road that leaves the river at New Martinsville, and passes through the interior of Tyler, than for one along the river bank that point. New Martinsville is a thriving town. Its trade in timber has made it so. They want a road that will open up transportation to their place for the vast forests of timber back of the river hills. Nothing would induce the people of the counties of Tyler and Belmont to vote a tax for a road along the river bank. I know whereof I speak when I say that not one fifth, much less three fifths, of the people would vote a tax for such a road. I have always favored a road, let it be built where it might, but I now refer to public sentiment generally. The opposition to such a road is very considerable on the part of persons along the river bottoms.

We admit that, from their greater wealth, the counties of Wood and Jackson might give more than Ritchie and other counties nearer the Kanawha Valley; but I am fully persuaded that more would be given for the whole road from Wheeling to the Kanawha, if it should leave the Ohio River at New Martinsville, than if it should follow said river to a point at or below Parkersburg.

The arguments in favor of leaving the river as above stated, in building such a road as proposed, are many. There would be no river competition. In the transportation of coal and other heavy freight, it would compete with boats, and a road back from the river would have exclusive control of a large trade that at best could only be divided along the river. Again, the right of way for a road away from the river, and through the country, is more certain than along the river banks. We have not yet met a man who would charge anything for the right of way through his lands for a railroad passing through the interior of this county, where a number of the largest land holders are anxious to have a road that they would have no objection to such a right of way to the full value of the land.

A road back from the river would do more to develop the resources of the State than one along it; it is and a lumber road can be supplied in abundance, and much cheaper than along the river; while all countries through which such a road would pass, will vote to tax themselves for the benefit of the road, which, as we have already said, they will not do for a road along the Ohio River.

If a railroad company can be found able to build the road through without help from the counties, then it may be built along the banks of the Ohio river, and not otherwise. Until such a company can be found, all agitation touching a road along the river may as well cease. A road back from the river can and should be built.

W. H. STRICKLAND, General Agent D. H. THOMAS, Piano Agent. Adjoining W. B. Bame's music store. Sale to commence Monday, Jan 10, at 8 a. m.

AT THE LABELLE STORE. JUST RECEIVED. 2,500 yards Good Standard Calicoes at 6c. 2,500 yards Good Styles Standard Calicoes at 6 1/2c. 2,000 yards Lanceter Gingham at 10c, new styles.

Swiss Grey Blankets. A full stock of Flannels, Bleached and Brown Mullins, of various Patterns, Table Damask, &c. &c. the best finished Unfinished Shirts in the State for \$1.00.

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LEATHERWOOD RESIDENCE FOR SALE OR RENT. The comfortable, convenient and very desirable residence in Leatherwood, now occupied by G. O. Taylor, Esq., and known as the Knapp place, is hereby offered for sale or rent. Possession Jan. 1, 1881. THOS. O'BRIEN, 1811 Market street.

W. M. HARE & SON, Practical Plumbers, Gas & Steam Fitters. No. 33 Twelfth St. All work done promptly at reasonable prices.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING. The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the River and Works will be held at the office of the company on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1881, at 7:30 p. m. N. WILKINSON, Secretary.

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Sensible Presents. Fine Satin Damask Tablecloths, With Napkins to match. Twilled Silk Umbrellas, From \$2.50 to \$9.00. Elegant Black Silks and Satin de Lyon. Of the best makes at Low Prices.

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Elegant White and Embroidered Marsailles Bed Spreads! Bought expressly for holiday trade. Nubias, Gloves, Ties, and 1000 SILK HANDKERCHIEFS.

J. S. RHODES & CO. 1152 AND 1164 MAIN STREET. SELLING OUT TO QUIT BUSINESS. To my friends and customers and the public in general, I would announce that having decided to remove to the west, the coming spring, I shall commence to close out my stock.

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MR. J. M. HILL, (Also Manager Deanna Thompson). ADMISSION 50c and 25c. No extra charge for reserved seats. Seats on sale at P. W. Bame's music store, 1203 Market street, from Wednesday, January 6, at 8 a. m.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC. HOWARD AND BROS., Proprietors. CHARLES HOWARD, Manager. MONDAY JANUARY 8, and during the week. MATINEE, SATURDAY, 2. Another New and Brilliant Company Our Lovely Female Minstrel and Grand Old Specialists.

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G. MENDEL & CO., 1124 Main Street, Wheeling, W. Va. UNDERTAKER'S NOTICE. Mr. B. Zook, our undertaker, has removed from Fourteenth street to No. 1219 1/2 street, the first house below our furniture factory. He has to remove communication direct to his house and will carry all burials as usual. The most careful attention will be given to all orders of undertaking entrusted to him. Parties desiring to see him will please call on No. 6.

WE ARE OFFERING Special Bargains During Christmas Week IN CASHMERE, SILKS, DOLMANS, ULSTERS, AND HOLIDAY GOODS, GEO. E. STIFEL & CO. 1114 MAIN STREET, WHEELING, WEST VA.

UNDERTAKER'S NOTICE. One door North of my Livery Office, you will find my Undertaker, Mr. W. G. GARDNER, at any time, day or night. He is a gentleman in every respect, and understands his business. He has Telephone Communication and will answer calls promptly at all hours. Parties desiring to be buried will please call on "A. S. J. Luke's Livery Office." The very best attention will be given to all cases of Undertaking given into his charge. Especial attention given to

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NEW GOODS! 50 Boxes Fancy Layer Raisins, 100 Boxes Fancy Layer Raisins, 25 Boxes Fine French Prunes, 100 Boxes Finest Layer Figs, 10 Boxes New Shell, 10 Bags Soft Cotton Almonds, 5 Bags New Filberts, 10 Barrels Malaga Grapes, 5 Barrels Valencia Oranges, 25 Boxes Valencia Lemons. Just received and for sale in any quantity.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. The estate of the late Charles H. Taylor, deceased, is being administered by me, the undersigned, as executor. All persons having claims against the estate of the said Charles H. Taylor, are hereby notified to present the same to me, at my office, in the city of Wheeling, W. Va., on or before the 15th day of February, 1881. J. W. CAMPBELL, Executor.

NATIONAL BANK OF WEST VA. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the National Bank of West Virginia will be held at the office of the President, in the city of Wheeling, W. Va., on the 15th day of January, 1881, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. J. W. CAMPBELL, President.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING. A meeting of the stockholders of the Park of the Valley will be held at the office of the President, in the city of Wheeling, W. Va., on the 15th day of January, 1881, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. J. W. CAMPBELL, President.

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FOR SALE—COUNTER AND SHELF. A counter and shelf, suitable for a grocery store, for sale at a low price. Apply to J. W. CAMPBELL, No. 25 and 27 Fourteenth Street, Wheeling, W. Va.